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1. Mittelbenzin.* In preparation for the shipment of Mittelbenzin from the Synthesewerk Schwarzheide and the Benzinwerk Böhlen, elaborate measures are taken to insure the purity of the fuel. The tank cars are first steamed out completely and then stand for eight hours to dry. A Russian officer carefully inspects the cars for metal, rust and moisture. Following this inspection, the cars stand for 24 hours and are then loaded with Mittelbenzin. A chemical analysis is made of the contents of each tank car, after which a Russian officer signs a statement declaring that the shipment has passed inspection. Special Russian guards accompany the cars to Velten and/or Dresden.** Mittelbenzin was first produced in the DDR in May 1951 at Schwarzheide. The entire production amounted to 1,000 metric tons. No further Mittelbenzin was produced until July 1951, when the Schwarzheide plant manufactured 2,500 metric tons. Of this latter figure, 1,000 tons were to be shipped by tank car to Velten between 1 and 5 August 1951, and 1,500 tons were to be delivered by tank car to Dresden-Friedrichstadt (formerly DAPG)*** during the same period. In July 1951, the Böhlen plant produced 4,200 metric tons of Mittelbenzin which is to be distributed between 7 and 15 August 1951 by tank car to various storage installations, among which are Münchenbernsdorf, Rostock, Jüterbog and Dresden.

2. Velten: During the month of July 1951, 148 full tank cars arrived at Velten, while 349 full tank cars left Velten. According to source, there are at Velten five large storage tanks, each with a capacity of 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 liters, and three small tanks, each with a capacity of approximately 300,000 liters.

1. Münchenbernsdorf: Source does not agree with reports that aviation fuel is being stored underground at Münchenbernsdorf. Storage tanks, estimated to be six large (capacity of each approximately 5,000,000 liters) and five small, are aboveground and camouflaged. During the month of June 1951, 25 tank cars containing Mittelbenzin were delivered to Münchenbernsdorf. The shipment presumably came from Schwarzheide.

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* Comment: Source does not know the specifications of this fuel but states that it is considered to be jet fuel.

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* Comment: Similar security measures are not taken in the shipment of aviation gasoline (Spezialbenzin).

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